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SUBJECT: UK QUERY ON CTB

1. BRITISH CHARGE ROBINSON CALLED ON ACDA DIRECTOR
WARNKE JULY 27 ON INSTRUCTIONS TO INQUIRE ABOUT THE STATUS
OF US DECISION-MAKING ON KEY CTB ISSUES. HE SAID LONDON
WAS ANXIOUS THAT PROGRESS IN THE TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS
BE CONTINUED AND FELT THERE WAS DANGER OF A SLOWING DOWN.
IT WAS FOR THIS REASON THAT LONDON WAS INTERESTED IN
KNOWING WHEN PENDING US DECISIONS WOULD BE MADE AND WHAT
ISSUES WOULD BE COVERED BY THOSE DECISIONS. WAS THE ONLY
ISSUE LEFT TO RESOLVE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE DURATION
WOULD BE THREE YEARS OR FIVE? WOULD A DECISION BE TAKEN
ABOUT THE TYPE OF STATEMENT THAT WOULD BE MADE ABOUT A
RESUMPTION OF TESTING? WOULD THERE BE NEW DECISIONS ON
OTHER ISSUES?

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2. WARNKE REPLIED THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT ONLY
MAJOR ISSUE TO BE RESOLVED WAS CHOICE BETWEEN THREE-YEAR
OR FIVE-YEAR TREATY. THE PRESIDENT HAD DECIDED THAT TREATY
SHOULD HAVE A FIXED TERM, SHOULD BE COMPREHENSIVE IN SCOPE,
AND SHOULD NOT AFFECT NUCLEAR EXPERIMENTS WITH MINIMAL
YIELDS. HE DOUBTED WHETHER ANY OF THESE ELEMENTS WOULD BE
SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IN CLOSING, WARNKE SAID THAT WE WOULD

LET THE BRITISH KNOW OF ANY DECISIONS ON CTB MATTERS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THEY WERE MADE. VANCE

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